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COUNTRY Rumania SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Soviet Troops in Arad-South 25X1

EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 14 April 1952

REFERENCES [REDACTED] 25X1

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. Prior to the beginning of December 1951, the barracks installation south of Arad (R 16/U 16) and east of the Aradul Nou (R 16/U 05) railroad station was occupied by Soviet troops. The installation was situated in the village of San Nicolau Mic (R 16/U 15), on the north side of the road to Lipova (R 16/U 34), 300 to 500 meters east of the intersection of the road with the Arad-Timisoara (R 16/T 91) railroad line. [REDACTED] 25X1

[REDACTED] before the war, the installation quartered components of the former Rumanian 13th Cav Regt. Soviet troops were observed at the installation after December 1949. Artillery pieces of about 150 mm caliber without muzzle brakes but with protective shields and rubber tired wheels were repeatedly seen prior to December 1951. Four guns were seen from the road. Several trucks stood in the barracks yard. No further heavy weapons or vehicles were noticed. \*

2. During the summer of 1951, [REDACTED] about 20 trucks towing guns of 70 to 80 mm in the meadows east of the barracks installation and on either side of the road to Lipova. The guns came from the direction of Arad and were of lower silhouette than those seen at the barracks installation. They were fitted with unusually long barrels, muzzle brakes, solid tires and angular protective shields. The guns were unlimbered in the training area. Troops were repeatedly seen engaged in aiming practice. \*
3. During the summer and fall of 1951, Soviet tank units, usually of 50 to 60 T-34 tanks without escort cars, moved through Engelsbrunn along the road from Arad to Lipova and vice versa. [REDACTED] the tank columns drove toward Lipova on Monday and returned about the middle of the week. Soviet tank units also used the road toward Lipova north of the Muresul River. \* 25X1

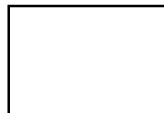
4. [REDACTED] in the spring of 1951, more Soviet troops were stationed in Arad and its environs than in December 1951. [REDACTED] 25X1
- [REDACTED] Soviet troops were moved by rail toward Timisoara via Arad in August and September 1951, 25X1

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\* [redacted] Moscow. In general, [redacted] confirms previous reports according to which Arad was the military post of a Soviet tank unit, presumably a medium tank regiment. An artillery unit with medium guns and an AT artillery unit were observed in Arad as early as July 1951. The terrain near Aradul Nou seems to serve as training field for the units at Arad military post. [redacted]

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